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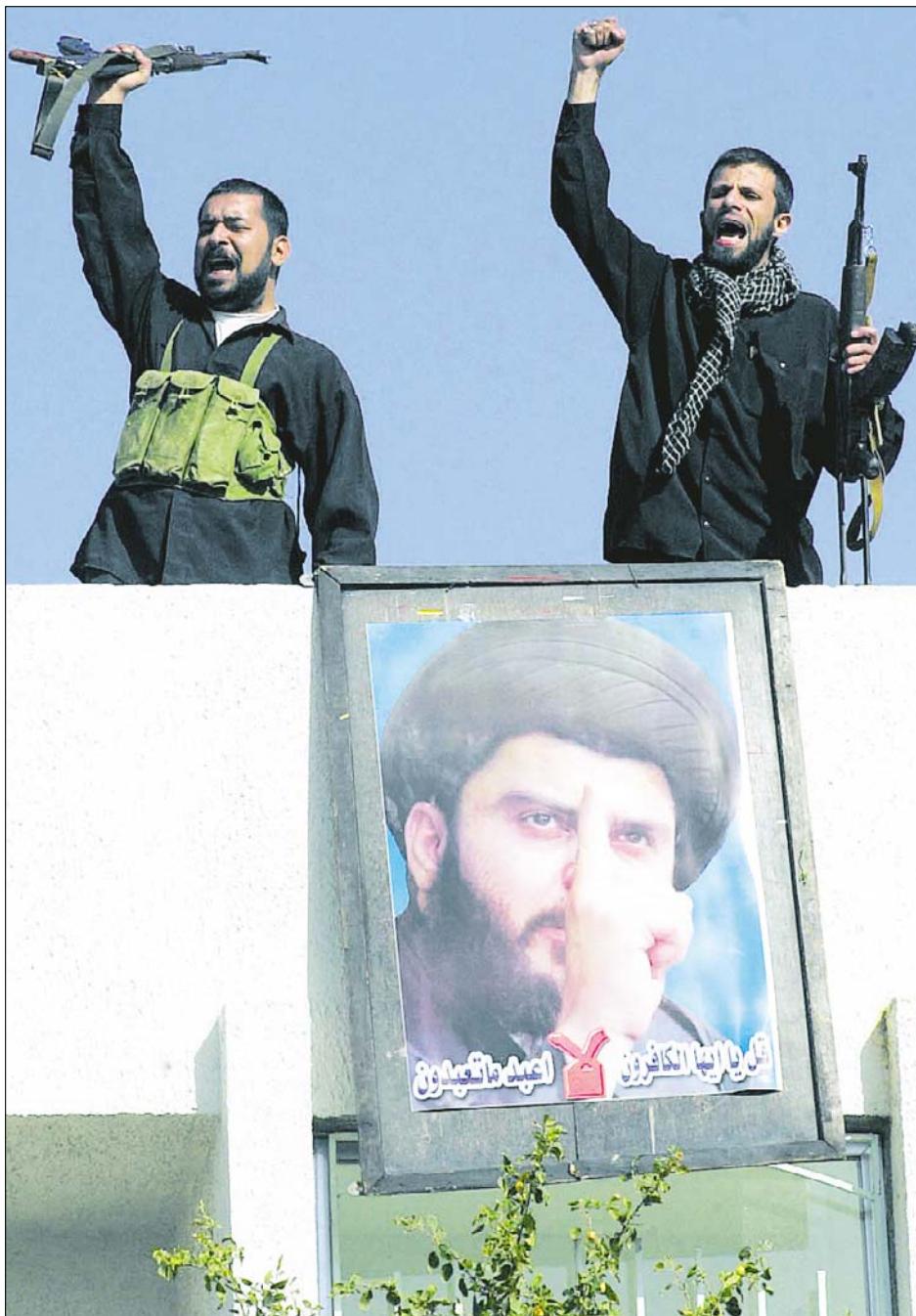
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Target: 'Outlaw' Cleric



CLERIC'S CLOUD: About 150 Shiite militiamen took over the governor's house in Basra, Iraq, on Monday to protest the coalition's actions against anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, seen in poster.

U.S. seeks arrest of Shiite firebrand, heightening tension after deadly clashes

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | U.S. administrators in Iraq declared a radical Shiite cleric an "outlaw" Monday and announced a warrant for his arrest, heightening a confrontation after battles between his supporters and coalition troops killed at least 52 Iraqis and nine coalition troops, including eight Americans.

American officials would not say when they would move to arrest Muqtada al-Sadr, who is holed up in the main mosque in Kufa, south of Baghdad, guarded by armed supporters.

"We don't fear death and martyrdom gives us dignity from God," said al-Sadr, 30, who has frequently denounced the U.S. occupation in his sermons.

Meanwhile, U.S. troops surrounded the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, poised for a major operation in response to the grisly slaying and mutilation of four American civilians by insurgents there last week.

The showdown with al-Sadr threatened to heighten tensions with Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority at a time when U.S. troops are burdened by the Sunni guerrillas' bloody insurgency. But American officials apparently hope the Shiite public — many of whom distrust al-Sadr — will not rally around the cleric.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said the potential for violence depended on "whether [al-Sadr] decides to come peacefully or whether he decides to come not peacefully."

Hundreds of al-Sadr's armed militiamen control Kufa, holding its police station and blocking a road leading to the main mosque.

HAMZA HENDAWI (AP) ♦ **Fallujah lockdown:** U.S. troops encircle city in advance of crackdown | Page 6



BY THE NUMBERS: Four in 10 Americans approve of how President Bush is handling Iraq, while 53% disapprove, according to a poll released Monday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press. (AP)

PETS | A Tight Squeeze Police rescued a Boston woman from the jaws of her 7-foot Burmese python after the snake clamped on to her arm and started squeezing. Wanda Nunes, 43, told the Boston Herald that her python, Moma, went



for her arm shortly before feeding time on Saturday morning. Two police officers were finally able to pry Moma off Nunes and put the snake back in her cage. Nunes said she planned to keep the snake. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners



ON THE LAKE Sink or Swim

A competition on Ohio's Turkeyfoot Lake on Saturday was fueled by ingenuity, a little luck and a lot of upper-body strength. Student engineers came from all over to participate in a concrete canoe race sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. According to the race's organizers, the concrete canoe illustrates the rule that even extremely heavy objects float, as long as they displace more than their weight in water. The stone boats looked like any other canoe, but ranged in weight from 130 to more than 200 pounds. A typical fiberglass or aluminum model weighs about a third of that. (AP)

LONNIE TIMMINS III/PLAIN DEALER/AP

WATERING HOLES His Own Private Pub

Jerry Blondin doesn't have to worry about a designated driver when he visits his neighborhood Irish pub. The

tavern is in the basement of his Bay City, Mich., home. His pub is complete, from the pool table to an Irish whiskey dispenser called an optic. He found most of the pieces in Ireland, but then

picked up other touches from the eBay Internet auction site. Blondin told the Bay City Times that his wife puts up with his pub, even though she's "full-blooded German." (AP)

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PROM Homemade Memories

While at the prom, it's best to stick to your date. No problem for Lynlea Jayo and Josh Traughber, a high-school couple in Hagerman, Idaho, who used duct tape, thrift-store jackets and bed sheets to make their own formal wear for just \$30. Jayo and Traughber's creativity put them in the running for \$2,500 scholarships. The Duck brand duct-tape company also gave \$2,500 to the school as part of a national contest. Jayo's dress was made from an old bed sheet, while Traughber's slacks, shirt and tie were made using six rolls of duct tape. (AP)

TRADITIONS A Special Hand-Me-Down

Little Katherine Elizabeth Schulz of La Crosse, Wis., is only a month old, but she helped her family continue a 110-year-old tradition by becoming the 50th infant to wear a cherished baptismal dress handed down through

five generations. The dress was made in 1894 by Josephine Voves Krismer — Katherine's great-great-great grandmother — who used her wedding gown to sew a baptismal outfit for her five children. Infants typically wear the dress for only a brief time during the baptismal ceremony and then are changed into a new outfit. (AP)

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In Brief

BOSTON

Church Settles With 4 Alleged Sex Abuse Victims

The Boston Archdiocese has settled lawsuits filed by four men who say they were molested as boys by the Rev. Paul R. Shanley, a central figure in the sex scandal that rocked the Roman Catholic Church. An attorney for the plaintiffs said each will get more than the \$300,000 maximum that 550 other alleged abuse victims will receive in an \$85 million settlement reached with the archdiocese last September. (AP)

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Suspect Pleads Innocent in Spate of Highway Shootings

The man arrested in a deadly series of highway shootings in Ohio pleaded innocent to murder and other charges Monday, and his lawyers said they are gathering his psychiatric records for possible use in his defense. Lawyers for Charles A. McCoy Jr., 28, say he was diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic several years ago. (AP)

DALLAS

Formerly Conjoined Twins Released From Hospital

Egyptian twin brothers born fused at the tops of their heads have been released from the hospital, nearly six months after they were separated surgically. Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim, who will celebrate their third birthday June 2, were separated Oct. 12. (AP)

HEALING A CITY | MOMENT OF SILENCE



ROMAIN BLANQUART/THE DETROIT FREE PRESS/AP

POWER OF PRAYER: Claudia Finley, center, chaplain of the 11th Detroit Police Precinct, prays with other officers during a Precinct Day of Prayer in Detroit on Monday. Ministers led a citywide day of prayer in response to a wave of violence that has claimed more than 100 lives this year.



BY THE NUMBERS: The ABC, CBS and NBC evening newscasts did 303 stories on religion during the 12 months that ended in March, compared with 121 stories during a one-year period in 1993, the Media Research Center said Monday. (AP)

N.H. Government Links to Canadian Drug Web Site

CONCORD, N.H. | Gov. Craig Benson on Monday unveiled a link on the state's official Web site to a Canadian pharmacy that exports cheaper drugs to the United States.

Benson has been trying to get a waiver to allow New Hampshire to buy cheaper drugs from Canada. Federal law forbids importing prescription drugs from Canada. (AP)

More Troops Considered for Iraq

Military may need to increase deployment if rioting intensifies

WASHINGTON | U.S. military commanders have begun studying ways they might increase troops in Iraq should violence spread much more widely, a senior officer said Monday.

Generals believe they have enough forces to handle the attacks that have been coming from vari-

Bush: U.S. Lacked Intel on 9/11 Threat

President says he looks forward to testimony from security adviser

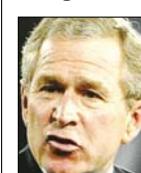
WASHINGTON | President Bush said Monday he will tell the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks that his administration lacked the information needed to prevent the terrorists from striking the United States.

The federal panel reviewing the attacks plans to meet soon with Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney in a joint private session to determine whether anything could have been done to stop the attacks.

A date for the meeting has been set but neither the commission nor the White House has disclosed it. Bush said he looks forward to "sharing information with them."

"Let me just be very clear about

this," he said. "Had we had the information that was necessary to stop an attack, I'd have stopped the attack.... If we'd have known that the enemy was going to fly airplanes into our buildings, we would have done everything in our power to stop it."



Bush also said National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice "knows exactly what took place and will lay out the facts" when she testifies

Thursday before the 10-member bipartisan panel. "I'm looking forward to people hearing her," he said.

Rice's testimony was assured only after Bush changed course last week under pressure and decided to allow her to appear publicly and under oath. HOPE YEN (AP)

ous quarters, but they want to know what is available if the situation gets worse, said the officer, briefing reporters on condition of anonymity.

Over the weekend, supporters of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr rioted in Baghdad and four other cities in fighting that killed eight U.S. troops, a Salvadoran soldier and at least 52 Iraqis.

The senior officer portrayed the weekend's violence as an attempt by al-Sadr to increase his influ-

ence ahead of the expected June 30 transfer of power from the U.S.-led occupation to an Iraqi government. The officer is with U.S. Central Command, the military authority overseeing operations in Iraq.

President Bush said Monday he is committed to the June 30 deadline despite the violence and questions from some members of his own party whether the date should hold.

JOHN J. LUMPKIN (AP)

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Nation

Lax Rules Led to Blackout

Investigators urge new safeguards to avoid widespread outages

WASHINGTON | Disregard for voluntary rules intended to ensure the flow of electricity opened the way for last summer's blackout in eight states and Canada, investigators said Monday in their final report. They urged government standards with teeth to ward off future outages.

There was a clear understanding long before the blackout last August that the Ohio region where the problems began was highly vulnerable to grid instability, said the report from a joint U.S.-Canada task force.

Had the situation been properly addressed, the cascading blackout that sped across states from Michigan to New York and into Canada probably would have been averted, the report concluded. Something as simple as shutting off 200 megawatts of power an hour might have kept the problem from spreading, investigators said.

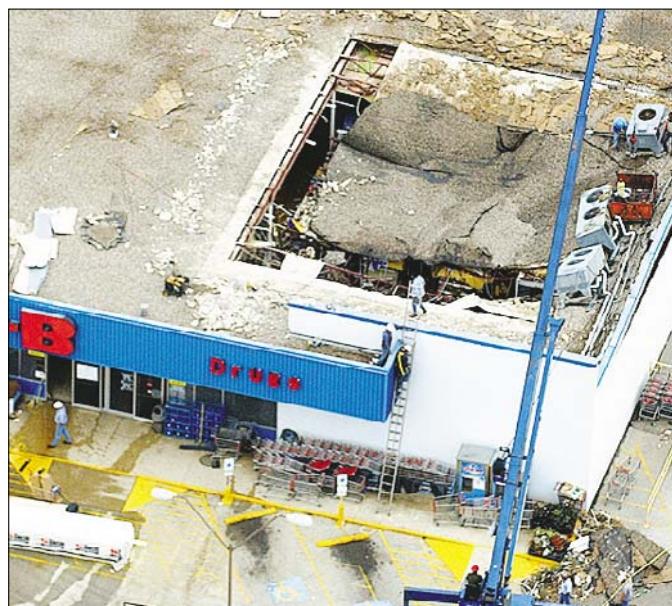
But FirstEnergy Corp., the Ohio utility whose lines initially failed, had little understanding of its own power transmission system because it had not carried out the recommended long-term planning and safeguards — and backup monitoring system — that it needed, the report said.

Many of those safeguards and procedures aimed at detecting and responding to potentially devastating system problems, were outlined — but also ignored — under voluntary industry standards that were in place, said the report.

Investigators said they found at least seven violations of industry-sponsored North America Electric Reliability Council (NERC) reliability rules linked to the blackout.

The task force, created by the U.S. and Canadian governments to examine the worst blackout in U.S. history, urged creation of mandatory government reliability standards with penalties for those who violate them. H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)

TEXAS STORMS | BROKEN BUILDING



JOHN DAVENPORT/SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS/AP

REPAIR CREW: Workers at the H.E.B. grocery store in Crystal City, Texas, worked on Monday to repair damage to the building's roof after nearly a foot of hail blanketed the region Sunday night. No one was hurt in the collapse.

Study to Probe Risks For Children

Effort to examine what environmental factors can harm kids

WASHINGTON | Does a pregnant woman's exposure to certain chemicals put her child at risk of learning disabilities? Do genetics and pollution interact to cause asthma? What's the real impact of TV on toddlers?

The government is preparing the largest study of U.S. children ever performed — it will track 100,000 from mothers' wombs to age 21 — to increase understanding of how the environment affects youngsters' health.

It's called the National Children's Study, and pediatric specialists say it is coming at a crucial time. Rates of autism, asthma, certain birth defects and other disorders are on the rise, as is concern about which environmental factors play a role.

The study "really represents our generation's best hope of coming to learn the environmental causes of these conditions," says Dr. Philip Landrigan, an expert on children and the environment at New York's Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

LAURAN NEERGAARD (AP)

Hit-and-Run Driver Issues Apology

TAMPA, FLA. | A schoolteacher stepped forward Monday and admitted she was the hit-and-run driver who apparently struck four children as they crossed the street. Two of the youngsters died.

In an apology addressed to the children's mother, 28-year-old Jennifer Porter said at a news conference: "I wish there was something I could say to ease your pain. I know there is nothing I can do to

bring your precious sons back."

Her lawyer, Barry Cohen, said Porter was too scared to stop after the accident last Wednesday. "No one knows how he or she will react in the face of what Jennifer was faced with," Cohen said, adding Porter was "frightened beyond imagination."

Porter was not immediately charged. "We still have to prove it," sheriff's spokesman Rod Reder said. (AP)

L.A. Times Tops Pulitzer Winners List

Washington Post's Shadid honored for international reporting

NEW YORK | The Los Angeles Times won five Pulitzer Prizes on Monday, including one for its breaking news coverage of the massive wildfires that ravaged Southern California last fall.

The prize for international reporting went to Anthony Shadid of The Washington Post, for what the board called his "extraordinary ability to capture, at personal peril," the voices and emotions of Iraqis as their country was invaded, their leader toppled and their way of life upended.

The Los Angeles Times also won Pulitzers in criticism, editorial writing and national reporting for its examination of the tactics that have made Wal-Mart the largest company in the world.

The five awards were the second



DANGEROUS DAYS: In this photo by David Leeson of the Dallas Morning News on March 24, 2003, U.S. soldiers surround a man stopped for suspicious activity in Iraq. Leeson and colleague Cheryl Diaz Meyer won the Pulitzer for breaking news photography.

most ever awarded to a newspaper in a single year. The New York Times won seven in 2002 primarily for its coverage of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks and aftermath.

"My feeling is this reflects the depth of talent at this paper and the depth of dedication across all departments," Los Angeles Times editor John S. Carroll told the staff.

The New York Times won the public service award for an examination by David Barstow and Lowell Bergman of death and injury among American workers.

The commentary award went to Leonard Pitts Jr. of The Miami Herald for his "fresh, vibrant columns that spoke, with both passion and compassion, to ordinary people on often divisive issues." DEEPTI HAJELA (AP)

PULITZER PICKS

Among the others who won prizes in the 13 journalism categories:

→ **Investigative reporting:**

Michael D. Sallah, Mitch Weiss and Joe Mahr, The Toledo Blade

→ **Explanatory reporting:**

Kevin Helliker and Thomas M. Burton, The Wall Street Journal

→ **Beat reporting:** Daniel Golden, The Wall Street Journal

→ **Editorial cartooning:** Matt Davies, The Journal News of White Plains, N.Y.

→ **Breaking news**

photography: David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer, The Dallas Morning News

Anthony Shadid portfolio: Read samples of the Pulitzer winner's work at washingtonpost.com/world

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World

U.S. Troops Lock Down Fallujah

1,200 Marines encircle city where insurgents staged grisly ambush

FALLUJAH, IRAQ | Hundreds of U.S. and Iraqi troops in tanks and armored Humvees surrounded the city of Fallujah on Monday, ready to launch a crackdown on insurgents after a mob killed four Americans and mutilated their bodies last week.

Explosions and gunfire were heard from the city — including a string of up to 30 blasts, apparently shelling, late Monday — as Marines met resistance while probing the outer neighborhoods of the city with reconnaissance missions.

At least one Iraqi gunman was killed in the exchanges. A U.S. Marine was killed in the area earlier Monday.

Troops dug trenches on the city's edges, sealed off roads in and out and imposed a nighttime curfew.

U.S. commanders have been vowing a massive response to pacify Fallujah after the slaying of the four American civilians — who were under contract to the U.S. coalition as security guards — on Wednesday.

Scenes of Iraqis dragging the four bodies through the streets raised revulsion in the United States and showed the depth of anti-U.S. sentiment in the city. Two charred corpses were hung from a bridge as Iraqis cheered. Sunni clerics in the city condemned the mutilations, calling them un-Islamic, though they didn't criticize the killings.

Some 1,200 U.S. Marines and two battalions of Iraqi security forces will be involved in the operation, said Lt. James Vanzant of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. "The city is surrounded," said Vanzant.

But insurgents in the city appeared to be gearing up for a fight. U.S. troops on the edge of the



MURAD SEZER/AP

U.S. Marines patrol Fallujah on Monday. Hundreds of U.S. and Iraqi troops surrounded the turbulent city ahead of a major operation against insurgents.

city came under fire from a mosque, said Marine Capt. Michael Fehn. The Marines and helicopter gunships returned fire.

Marines also fired on a car carrying six men with grenades and rifles, killing one and wounding two. BASSEM MROUE (AP)

The whole place came alive with fire: Reconstructing Sunday's deadly clashes in Sadr City between U.S. troops and Shiite militiamen | Today's Post: Section A

Group Warns Spain of Coming 'Inferno'

Threat is leveled as police arrest another suspect in train blasts

MADRID | Authorities announced another arrest in the Madrid terror bombings Monday and sent police to patrol subway and bus stations, as a newspaper said a group linked to al Qaeda threatened to turn Spain into "an inferno."

Court officials said the arrest was made on Saturday. No details were given on the man's identity or possible role in the March 11 train attacks, which killed 191 people. The arrest raises to 16 the number

of people in custody, including six charged with mass murder.

The newspaper ABC reported that hours before Saturday's suicide blast in which five suspected terrorists killed themselves, it received a fax from a group that had claimed responsibility for the March 11 bombings. The group warned it would turn Spain "into an inferno" unless the country withdrew its support for the United States and pulled Spanish troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, ABC said.

The Interior Ministry said officials "attach a certain credibility to the authorship [of the letter], but not to the threat" contained in it. (AP)

CRACKDOWN ON GROUP

→ The investigation into the Madrid attacks has focused on the Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group, which has links to al Qaeda and is related to a group suspected in deadly bombings last year in Casablanca, Morocco.

In France, authorities detained 13 suspected members of the group in a dawn raid Monday stemming from the attacks in Casablanca. French prosecutor Yves Bot said authorities do not have evidence linking them to the Madrid bombings, however.

Flash Flood in Northern Mexico Kills 25

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, MEXICO | Torrential rains swelled a tributary of the Rio Grande by 25 feet early Monday, causing a flash flood that inundated a Mexican border city, killing at least 25 people and forcing

hundreds more into shelters.

Dozens were reported missing and the death toll was expected to rise. Mexico declared a state of emergency in the area.

Floodwaters from the Escondido

River began receding after the rain stopped by midday, but dark clouds loomed over Piedras Negras, a city of 200,000 people about 150 miles southwest of San Antonio.

Emergency workers patrolled the city, moving residents from low-lying areas to shelters. (AP)

In Brief

SPAIN

Aznar to Teach at Georgetown

Outgoing Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar will teach seminars at Georgetown this fall, his office said Monday. Aznar, who did not seek a third term in elections held on March 14, will teach European politics and transatlantic relations in seminars due to be held twice each semester, an aide said. Aznar's party suffered a surprise defeat in the recent elections, with many Spaniards saying he had provoked the March 11 rail bombings by backing the U.S.-led war in Iraq. (AP)

NEPAL

Thousands Take to Streets As Violent Protests Subside

Thousands of protesters demonstrated peacefully in Nepal's capital Monday after three days of violent clashes between police and demonstrators left hundreds injured. About 25,000 protesters marched through the center of Katmandu demanding that the country's king allow a democratic government. (AP)

FRANCE

Queen in Paris to Celebrate Centennial of Amity Treaty

Queen Elizabeth II began a three-day state visit to France on Monday, marking a century of cooperation between London and Paris. The monarch's trip coincided with the centennial of the Entente Cordiale, a colonial-era agreement that ended centuries of hostility between the two countries. She arrived in France by way of the Eurotunnel, the link between the two nations that is a strong symbol of cooperation. (AP)



PHILIPPE WOJAZER/REUTERS
Queen Elizabeth and French President Jacques Chirac at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Paris on Monday.

Local

Metro Considers Searches

Board chair skeptical of tentative plan to inspect passengers

WASHINGTON | Metro has developed a tentative plan for conducting random searches of its riders to protect against terrorist attacks, a spokeswoman said Monday.

But the idea — which drew scrutiny from the Metro board's chairman — is just an option being weighed and is not yet finalized, said spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein.

"At this point, it's truly nothing more than a consideration," she said. The measure may be implemented if intelligence or world events warrants such action, she said.

Farbstein said the searches probably would be administered by Metro Transit Police, but said she did not know specific details, including whether searches would apply to either buses or rail, or both.

Metro Board Chairman Robert Smith, who represents Maryland on



Metro riders could face inspections under a plan being considered by the agency.

the board, said in an interview he was not aware of the plan, but said the notion was "fairly extreme."

"I've got a lot of concerns about a program like that. It would undergo some intense scrutiny and investigation on our part before we ever entered into anything like that," he said.

Metro ramped up security efforts following commuter train bombings last month in Madrid.

Last week the government warned that trains and buses may be targeted this summer by terrorists using bombs hidden in bags or luggage. DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)

Man Arrested Still Not Connected to Arsons

GREENBELT, MD. | A man arrested by the Washington area arson task force still had not been charged Monday in connection with any of 35 suspicious fires.

But Noel Gibson remained jailed on a charge of making a false statement to a federal investigator. Gibson also agreed to not seek release on bond pending resolution of an odometer fraud charge in Fairfax County, Va. — a case unrelated to the investigation of the fires.

The Riverside, Md., man was arrested March 31, after he alleg-

edly made a false statement to detective Brian Padgett of the Prince George's County Police Department. Padgett was temporarily deputized as a federal marshal while on duty with the Washington Area Arson Task Force.

The task force issued a news release Monday stating that fingerprints provided by Gibson do not match a print found on evidence acquired from the scene of an early fire. However, authorities later said that did not mean Gibson had been ruled out as a suspect. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Assembly Misses Ehrlich's Deadline

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | The legislature failed to meet the Monday deadline for passing the state budget, requiring Gov. Robert Ehrlich to issue a proclamation that will extend the session if work isn't completed on the budget by midnight April 12.

Such proclamations have become routine in recent years, but the budget generally is completed well before the end of the session.

Most legislative leaders expect the work will be done on time again this year. (AP)

MISSING: A document signed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson disappeared from the McLean-area home and police are trying to find it. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Hot Five	9-12-17-22-33

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Evening Pick 3	2-2-5
Mid-day Pick 4	2-6-1-8
Evening Pick 4	4-3-0-9
Match 5	15-25-32-33-36 Bonus: 29

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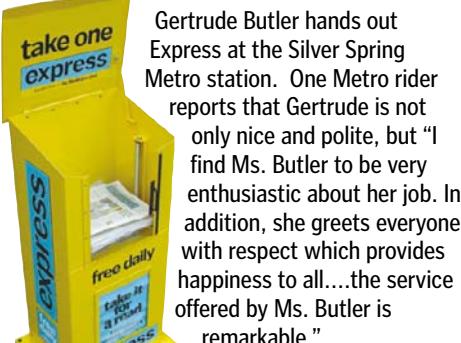
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Money

Banking Giant to Cut Jobs

Bank of America to eliminate 12,500 positions after merger

CHARLOTTE, N.C. | Bank of America announced Monday it is cutting 12,500 jobs over the next two years as a result of its merger with FleetBoston Financial.

The cuts, which represent about 7 percent of the companies' combined work force of 181,000, will begin this month. About 30 percent of them will be accomplished through attrition.

The Charlotte-based bank has said it expects to get about \$650 million in savings from trimming overlapping operations and processes.

Several workers leaving Bank of America's headquarters in downtown Charlotte on Monday evening were not aware of the company's plans. Loan officer Veronica Dawkins said she had not received any word from the company.

"No one has given me any indication whatsoever that I need to worry," Dawkins said. "I'm hoping it works out for everybody."

Spokeswoman Eloise Hale would not specify where positions would be eliminated, saying only that they will take place "corporation-wide."

As part of Bank of America's merger agreement with FleetBoston, announced last Thursday, the company committed to maintain overall employment levels in New England.

PAUL NOWELL (AP)

AFTER THE MEGA-MERGER

BANK OF AMERICA CORP. completed its \$47 billion acquisition of FleetBoston Financial last Thursday, creating the nation's No. 3 bank with assets estimated at \$966 billion.

The bank has about 35 million

consumer and small business customers, about 5,700 branches from throughout the country and about 16,500 ATMs.

Its assets trail only Citigroup and the planned merger between Bank One and J.P. Morgan Chase. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
OxfordHlt	57.97	+7.65	+15.2
CIGNA	67.55	+6.90	+11.4
Biovail	17.75	+1.74	+10.9
ASftyIns	17.25	+1.65	+10.6
DoverMot	4.69	+.40	+9.3

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NovaStar s	53.00	-8.10	-13.3
Fremont	24.89	-3.79	-13.2
FlrtyPfdInc	16.82	-2.30	-12.0
ImpacMtg	21.25	-2.70	-11.3
RedwdTr	52.32	-6.40	-10.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.0625
3-month	0.92	0.92
2-year	1.89	1.62
10-year	4.21	3.89
30-year	5.04	4.81

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CritPath rs	5.08	+3.06	+151.5
AmBldgCtl	3.49	+1.97	+129.6
DigitRec	5.70	+2.48	+77.0
IPIX Cp	11.65	+4.66	+66.7
MaceSec rs	3.29	+1.18	+55.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
PrSeTch	8.42	-1.58	-15.8
CntraSft	3.25	-.60	-15.6
FX Ener	7.65	-1.20	-13.6
CnrdCom	12.24	-1.79	-12.8
EnPointe	2.35	-.28	-10.6

Rates

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5504	.5461	.6403
Canadian Dollar	1.3123	1.3135	1.4719
European Euro	.8319	.8243	.9316
Japanese Yen	105.05	104.49	119.90
Mexican Peso	11.1450	11.1685	10.7320
Taiwanese Dollar	32.95	32.84	34.81

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AppBio	20.58	+.14	-6
BiogenIdec	57.63	-.34	+57.0
Celgene	52.69	+1.69	+17.4
Chiron	46.36	+.69	-18.6
Genentech	110.98	+.28	+18.6
Genzyme	49.21	+1.15	-.2
GileadSci	57.92	+.55	-.6
Imclone	56.75	+1.63	+43.1
LabCp	39.48	+.28	+6.8
MedImmune	24.56	-.14	-3.2
MillPhar	18.51	+.66	-.8
Monsnto	36.83	+.33	+28.0
QstDiag	83.35	+1.00	+14.0

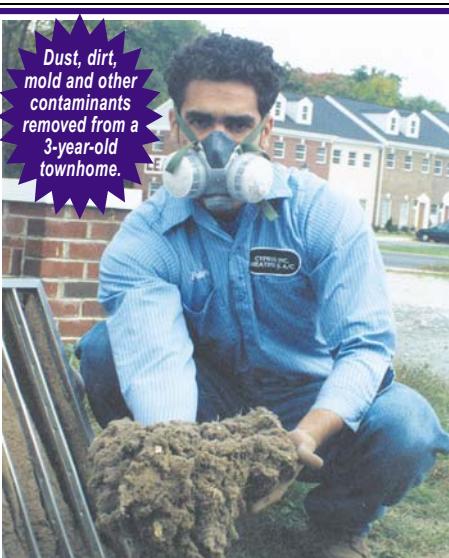
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Money

Eckerd Buyout Puts CVS on Top

Drugstore chain leaps to the top of the heap with \$2.15B deal

DALLAS | CVS scrambled to the top ranks of the drugstore industry by acquiring about half of J.C. Penney's Eckerd chain to push past Walgreen in number of stores and challenge its rival in total revenue.

Penney announced Monday that it had sold Eckerd to CVS and Canada's Jean Coutu Group in two deals valued at \$4.53 billion.

CVS of Woonsocket, R.I., will get about 1,260 Eckerd stores and support facilities in Texas, Florida and several southern states, as well as its pharmacy benefits management and mail order businesses, for \$2.15 billion. It will rename the stores.

Jean Coutu will get 1,539 Eckerd

stores in 13 Northeast and mid-Atlantic states and the chain's Florida headquarters for \$2.38 billion in cash. Those stores will continue under the Eckerd name.

The deals announced Monday will make CVS the biggest U.S. drugstore operator as measured by the number of stores, with more than 5,000, leapfrogging over industry leader Walgreen, which said it had 4,336 stores as of Feb. 29.

In terms of revenue, Walgreen could retain a slim lead. It had \$35.1 billion in sales in the 12 months that ended Feb. 29, compared with \$26.9 billion for CVS and \$7 billion in annual sales for the Eckerd stores that CVS acquired.

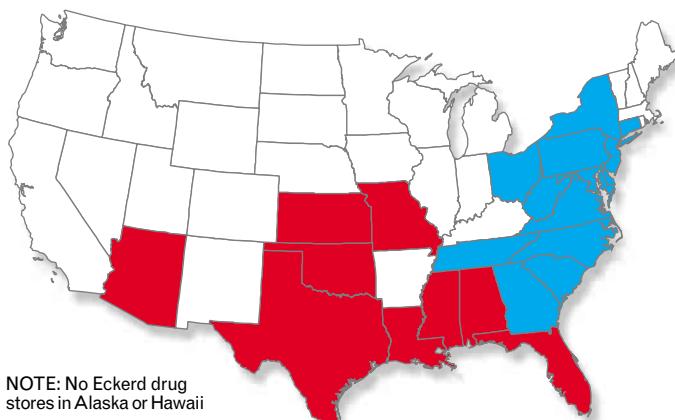
The deal is subject to regulatory approval, but Penney expects it to close before the end of July.

Drug Store Dividends

The sale of J.C. Penney's 2,800 Eckerd drug stores will be divided among CVS Corp. and Canada's Jean Coutu Group Inc.

■ Eckerd stores to be acquired by CVS

■ Eckerd stores to be acquired by Jean Coutu Group



ECKERD/AP

Low-Cost Airlines High in Satisfaction

WASHINGTON | Three of the top four airlines in 2003 were low-cost carriers, with JetBlue Airways leading the pack with the best overall performance, according to an annual study released Monday.

Alaska Airlines came in second; Southwest was rated No. 3; America West was fourth; and US Airways,

ranked No. 1 last year when it was still in bankruptcy, was fifth.

JetBlue had the second-best on-time performance, and fliers also filed fewer complaints to the Transportation Department than all other airlines but Southwest.

The report was based on Transportation Department data. (AP)

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Sports

Lady Vols Stand in Huskies' Path

UConn aims for three-peat in Thursday's game

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Everyone, it seems, has a spin on this latest national championship game between Connecticut and Tennessee. Jessica Moore's is unique.

When Connecticut goes for its third straight NCAA title in women's basketball Tuesday, the last obstacle for the Huskies is the only school that has won three in a row.

"I was comparing it to Miss America," said Moore, UConn's



Auriemma Summitt

6-foot-3 center. "After she is done reigning, she passes the crown down to someone else. It's like if we win it [Tuesday] night, then they will be passing the crown down to us."

Actually, that crown already has been passed. With its two straight titles and three in four years, Connecticut has supplanted Tennessee as the nation's top women's program.

Even Tennessee's Shanna Zolman said this is "Geno's era," a reference to UConn's coach, Geno Auriemma.

That's what gives this rivalry a buzz, no matter how many times they meet in the finals. This will be the second straight year the schools have played in the women's championship game and the fourth since 1995.

Connecticut (30-4) kept its title

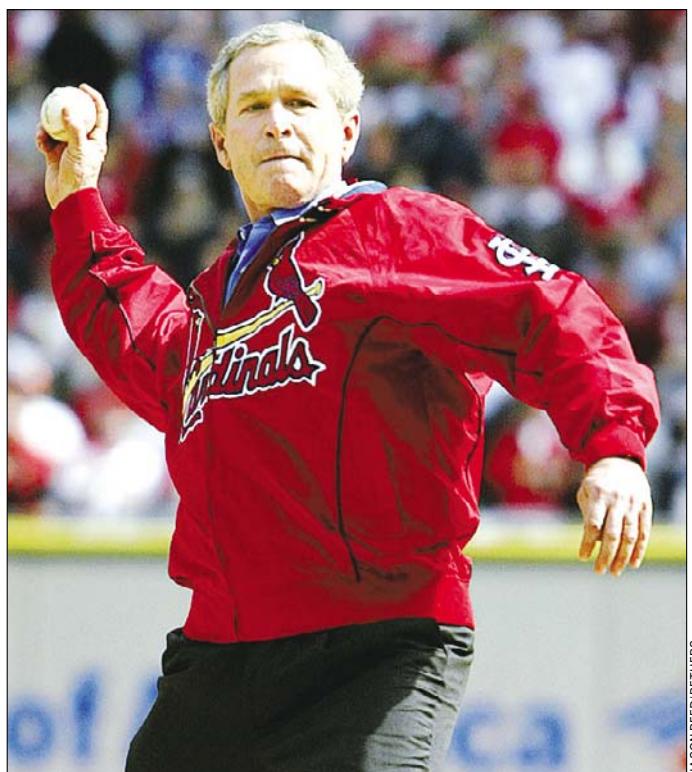
hopes alive with a 67-58 victory over Minnesota on Sunday night. Tennessee (31-3) beat LSU 52-50.

The subject of Auriemma's relationship with Tennessee coach Pat Summitt is bound to surface. Last year, Auriemma called Tennessee the "Evil Empire."

"We really don't have a relationship," Summitt said.

Auriemma seemed tired of the whole thing. "That's irrelevant," he snapped. "Only thing that exists is UConn plays Tennessee, five on five in basketball." CHUCK SCHOFFNER (AP)

BASEBALL | FIRST PITCH



JASON REED/REUTERS

HARDBALL: President Bush throws out the opening pitch before the St. Louis-Milwaukee game in Missouri on Monday. Most teams started their seasons Monday, although New York and Tampa Bay played last week in Japan, and Baltimore hosted Boston on Sunday night.

When Larry Met Magic

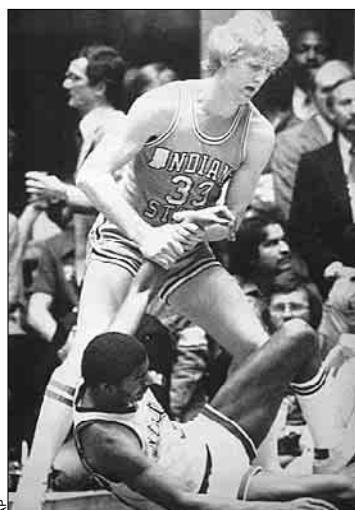
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | The 1979 national final was the day Magic Johnson and Larry Bird gave college basketball a permanent spot among America's top sports events.

Twenty-five years later, as Georgia Tech and Connecticut prepared for their title game Monday night, many of the players involved in the Magic-Bird matchup concede they didn't realize they were part of history at the time.

As is true in so many cases, the game didn't live up to the hype.

Stifled by Michigan State's zone defense and a number of long-armed players, Indiana State's Bird shot 7-for-21. Johnson played a great game for Michigan State, going 8-for-15 for 24 points to lead the Spartans to win 75-64 in a game that didn't seem that close.

It always bothered Bird that he didn't play better, and that he never really embraced his role in one of the most important college games ever. Not until this year, in fact, did Bird go back to Indiana State to



Larry Bird helps Magic Johnson up in 1979's legendary NCAA title game.

have his jersey retired.

"I've always been heartbroken that I couldn't bring the championship back to Terre Haute," he told the crowd that day. EDDIE PELLS (AP)

End game: Get results and analysis of Monday night's NCAA championship game between Connecticut and Georgia Tech | Today's Post, Sports

In Brief

SOCER

Viewers Tune In for Adu

Ratings for Freddy Adu's debut in Major League Soccer were up 64 percent from last year's MLS telecast on ABC. Saturday's season opener between D.C. United and San Jose drew a 1.8 overnight rating, up from

last year's 1.1 for the league's opener on ABC. The 14-year-old Adu played 29 minutes for United and did not score in the 2-1 victory over the Earthquakes. (AP)

BASEBALL

New-Look Tigers Begin Season With 7-0 Victory

Ivan Rodriguez, Rondell White and Jason Johnson made sure the Detroit Tigers had a different start

in 2004. Rodriguez and White homered in their first game for Detroit, backing Johnson in a season-opening 7-0 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday. Roy Halladay, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, was knocked around for seven runs — six earned — and 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Last year, Detroit began 0-9 and set an American League record with 119 losses. (AP)

FOOTBALL

Redskins Sign Campbell

The Washington Redskins signed linebacker Khary Campbell on Monday. Campbell spent last two seasons with the New York Jets, mostly as a reserve linebacker and special teams player. He started seven games in 2002 and three last year before being released. The Redskins also released defensive tackle Reggie McGrew. (AP)

LIVE ONLINE

D.C. United

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post staff writer STEVE GOFF was online Monday to discuss Freddy Adu's debut, D.C. United's opener and the MLS season.

Besides putting fannies in the seats, what skills does Freddy Adu bring to the team? Will his playing time be earned or will another more skilled teammate be on the bench while Freddy plays?

His ball control and acceleration are breathtaking. Once he becomes more comfortable in an MLS game, I think we'll see him do some amazing things.

United was dominating the match until Freddy came into the game and the momentum completely changed. Was coach Peter Nowak second-guessing himself at all about making the sub when he did?

Good point. United was doing quite well early in the second half. Was it Adu's fault that United's momentum faded when he entered? I'm not sure.

Who will have more goals this year, Alecko Eskandarian or Adu?

If I had to guess, I would say Eskandarian. But it's a very long season and things could change, emerge, develop many times over the next seven months.

After its performance against San Jose, do you think that D.C. United can win the MLS cup?

Sure, why not? There's not a big difference in MLS between all the teams. Last year, San Jose and Chicago were a little better than everyone else and Dallas had a nightmare season, but all others weren't much different from each other.

What is the real deal with United President Kevin Payne's pre-game announcement about a new stadium? Was it just playing politics or is there a real plan in place?

No official plan in place, but they've made progress and hope to be able to reveal more details this summer. The two primary locations being considered are next to RFK and as part of the city's Anacostia Waterfront Initiative.

Capitals' 'Ugly' Season Put Out of Its Misery

PRO HOCKEY | Finally, mercifully, the Washington Capitals' worst season in 26 years is over.

What a relief for a team that began the season with Jaromir Jagr, Peter Bondra and Robert Lang and ended it stocked with minor leaguers who had no business playing heavy minutes on an NHL team.

"Ever since the trade deadline, it's been tough," said goaltender Olaf Kolzig, one of the few established veterans to survive a mid-season fire sale.

Coach Bruce Cassidy was fired after a poor start and was replaced by assistant Glen Hanlon. When it became apparent the Capitals weren't going to recover, owner Ted Leonsis saw his team headed for \$30 million in losses and ordered

a massive payroll reduction.

The Capitals swooned to finish 23-46-10-3. They used a franchise-record 51 players, including a goaltender who was struggling to find minor-league work early in the season.

The leading scorer on the roster at the end of the season was center Jeff Halpern, who had 19 goals and 25 assists. "If I'm the leading scorer on this team, we're not going to win too many games," Halpern said.

Said defenseman Brendan Witt: "It was an ugly season. All we can do is regroup and learn from it. We don't want to go through this ever again. Personally, I don't ever want to see this again." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Chat House: Michael Wilbon and Tony Kornheiser discuss sports | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 1:45 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Y-New Jersey	45	31	.592	—	4-6 32-16
Miami	38	39	.494	7.5	8-2 26-23
New York	36	41	.468	9.5	6-4 28-21
Boston	35	42	.455	10.5	6-4 23-26
Philadelphia	32	45	.416	13.5	4-6 22-27
Washington	24	53	.312	21.5	3-7 15-34
Orlando	19	58	.247	26.5	0-10 15-34

CENTRAL

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
C-Indiana	56	21	.727	—	6-4 36-13
X-Detroit	50	27	.649	6	8-2 33-16
X-Milwaukee	39	38	.506	17	5-5 31-18
New Orleans	38	39	.494	18	3-7 27-23
Cleveland	32	44	.421	23.5	2-8 26-23
Toronto	30	46	.395	25.5	2-8 19-29
Atlanta	25	52	.325	31	4-6 16-33
Chicago	22	55	.286	34	4-6 18-31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
X-Minnesota	54	24	.692	—	8-2 30-18
X-San Antonio	52	25	.675	1.5	8-2 30-17
X-Memphis	49	27	.645	4	8-2 28-19
X-Dallas	48	28	.632	5	6-4 29-17
Houston	42	34	.553	II	3-7 18-28
Denver	40	37	.519	13.5	5-5 26-21
Utah	40	37	.519	13.5	6-4 23-24

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
X-Sacramento	53	23	.697	—	4-6 30-17
X-L.A. Lakers	53	24	.688	0.5	9-1 28-19
Portland	39	37	.513	14	6-4 20-26
Seattle	35	42	.455	18.5	6-4 20-27
Golden State	34	42	.447	19	8-22-26
L.A. Clippers	27	51	.346	27	0-10 13-35
Phoenix	26	51	.338	27.5	4-6 13-34

Standings through April 4; Y-Clinched division. X-Clinched playoff berth; C-Clinched conference.

Scoreboard: Get a complete recap of Monday's baseball games, as well as NBA action and the NCAA championship game | washingtonpost.com/sports

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
C-Tampa Bay	46	22	8	6	106	245	192
Atlanta	33	37	8	4	78	214	243
Carolina	28	34	14	6	76	172	209
Florida	28	35	15	4	75	188	221
Washington	23	46	10	3	59	186	253

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Philadelphia	40	21	15	6	101	229	186
X-New Jersey	43	25	12	2	100	213	164
X-N.Y. Islanders	38	29	II	4	91	237	210
N.Y. Rangers	27	40	7	8	69	206	250
Pittsburgh	23	47	8	4	58	190	303

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Boston	41	19	15	7	104	209	188
X-Toronto	45	24	10	3	103	242	204
X-Ottawa	43	23	10	6	102	262	189
X-Montreal	41	30	7	4	93	208	192
Buffalo	37	34	7	4	85	220	221

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
C-Detroit	48	21	II	2	109	255	189
X-St. Louis	39	30	II	2	91	191	198
X-Nashville	38	29	II	4	91	216	217
Columbus	25	45	8	4	62	177	238
Chicago	20	43	II	8	59	188	259

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-Vancouver	43	24	10	5	101	235	194
X-Colorado	40	22	13	7	100	238	198
X-Calgary	42	30	7	3	94	200	176
Edmonton	36	29	12	5	89	221	208
Minnesota	30	29	20	3	83	188	183

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Y-San Jose	43	21	12	6	104	219	183
X-Dallas	41	26	13	2	97	194	175
Los Angeles	28	29	16	9	81	205	217
Anaheim	29	35	10	8	76	184	213
Phoenix	22	36	18	6	68	188	245

Final league standings; C-Clinched conference; Y-Clinched division; X-Clinched playoff spot.



WHAT A CATCH: Catcher Javy Lopez homered off of Pedro Martinez in his first game as a Baltimore Oriole on Sunday.

O's Upbeat After Opener

Lopez, Tejada, Palmeiro impressive in debut

PRO BASEBALL | The Baltimore Orioles spent six weeks rehearsing for opening night, then lifted the curtain on a new season with a flawless performance worthy of a standing ovation.

Their motivation now is to maintain that good feeling with an adequate encore.

After beating Pedro Martinez and the Boston Red Sox on Sunday

night, the Orioles on Tuesday will seek to maintain their grasp on first place in the AL East by defeating another accomplished pitcher, Curt Schilling. Facing him will be Eric DuBose, who has a career record of 3-6 and spent last year pitching for Triple-A Ottawa.

Free agent signees Miguel Tejada, Rafael Palmeiro and Javy Lopez combined to go 7-for-11 with

a homer and four RBIs. That proved to be more than enough offense for Orioles' ace Sidney Ponson, who worked out of one jam after another to win his first opening day start.

When B.J. Ryan got the final out, those remaining in the crowd of 47,683 at Camden Yards stood and applauded. For at least one night, the Orioles were alone in first place and rookie manager Lee Mazzilli made all the right moves. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Drexler Glides Into Hall of Fame

BASKETBALL | Clyde Drexler and Lynette Woodard led a group of six elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Monday.

Joining Drexler, chosen among the top 50 players in NBA history, and Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and the first female Harlem Globetrotter, are Bill Sharman, already in the hall as a player who will be inducted as coach, the late Maurice Stokes, the 1956 NBA rookie of the year, Jerry Colangelo, chairman of the Phoenix Suns, and Drazen Dalipagic, an international star from Yugoslavia.

From left, Hall of Famers Sharman, Woodard, Colangelo and Drexler.

Drexler, nicknamed "The Glide" for his speed, ball handling and swooping moves to the basket, was selected to the hall in his first year of eligibility. In his 15-year NBA career, Drexler led the Portland Trail Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and '92, and won a championship with Houston in 1995. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (8:30 p.m. on ESPN) Connecticut goes for its third straight NCAA championship against Tennessee in New Orleans.

BASEBALL (3 p.m. on Comcast) Former Oriole and new Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling leads Boston against Baltimore.

BASEBALL (8 p.m. on ESPN2) Andy Pettitte makes his debut for the Houston Astros against the San Francisco Giants.

PRO BASKETBALL (7:30 p.m. on TNT) LeBron James continues his quest to get Cleveland into the playoffs when facing Toronto.

SOCCER (2:30 p.m. on ESPN2) Arsenal takes on Chelsea in a quarterfinal match of the Champions League in London.



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SF, 28, LOOKING for a man who's responsible and reliable with a strong personality. I want to still have fun out yet enjoy nights at home with you too. **2986568**

VERY, VERY PRETTY, conservative, classic, natural blonde, 26, slim, worldly, has lived in France, seeks educated, clean-cut, financially established professional, who's ready for a positive relationship, marriage, and family. **2959789**

ATTRACTIVE, LEGGY SAPF, 38, engineer, 5'7", 125lbs, Virgo, N/S, ISO tall, handsome kind, smart SWPM, 35-50, N/S, no kids, for LTR. **2926949**

A SM, 28-40, 5'10+, I'm a tall, smart, energetic, fun, attractive, fit, overeducated SBPF with an easy smile to chance. **2976030**

DBF, 36, PLUS-SIZED, enjoys church, reading, traveling, bowling, quiet times. Seeks honest, caring BM, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. **2901078**

SMART, LIVELY, ATTRACTIVE, liberal woman, 32, devoted Red Sox fan, loves reading, people-watching, good conversation. Seeking intelligent, funny, self-assured, thoughtful man. Could it be you? **2935466**

SPF, 30, IS interested in meeting a CM, who enjoys watching movies, dancing, reading and more. **2911640**

YOUNG SB MOM, 22, goes to school, works hard and is looking for some more fun in life, with a great guy. **291805**

SEXY, SPONTANEOUS, ADVENTUROUS SBF, 27, 5'3", light brown eyes, seeks open-minded SWM, 27-35, for relationship, possibly more. **2839502**

OUTGOING SBF, PRE-SCHOOL teacher interested in outdoor/nature activities, cultural/current events. **2667109**

FEMALE SPORTS FAN SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **2644991**

NUBIAN PRINCESS SBPCF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBCM, 5'11+, for companionship. **2767234**

SF, 35, N/S, loves travel, taking walks. Seeking down-to-earth, ambitious, handsome man, 33-42, 6+. **298539**

ARTISTIC DWF, 37, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an uncoinceted, loving S/DWM, 32-45, who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **2804441**

22-YEAR-OLD, SBF, 5'10", light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SB/W/M, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **2771602**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 27, Aries, N/S, educator, tall, athletic, seeks African-American S/DM, 24-37, N/S, for sharing fun, dinner, movies, sporting events. **2727939**

SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **2565120**

GENTLE, BROWN-SKINNED WOMAN, 36, radiant smile and natural beauty, seeks kind-hearted, fit gentleman, 37-45, N/S, for nature outings, cultural events, and relaxed conversation. **2470350**

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED SBF, 36, Gemini, N/S, seeks WM, 36-40, N/S, who is educated, with no children, for LTR. **2452998**

ARE YOU THE honorable, articulate, handsome, SBPM, 5'10+, 35-40, for this opinionated, outgoing, attractive, SBPF 38? Let's find out. **2412913**

CREATIVE SBCF, 20, 5'8", always looks, always smiling about something, likes theater, ESPN, travel history. Would like a fun, intelligent Christian fellow. **2965687**

9:00AM, FEBRUARY 28. Pentagon Federal Credit Union Barday Drive. We locked eyes in our cars and smiled until my father came. You were one place away. **2953416**

SBF, 38, 5'2", dark complexion, seeks SWM, 35-50, who enjoys museums, cultural events, English history. Must like cuddling, workouts, and be unafraid of intimacy. **2919620**

COSMO GIRL SEEKS Maxim guy. Attractive SBPF Christian, 31, seeks funny, ambitious SPM, 27-35, any race, who enjoys quiet nights, lounges, sports, pets, the arts. **2905608**

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, PASSIONATE, fun SBF, 34, 5'3", 110lbs, with great sense of humor, seeks handsome, well-mannered, thoughtful intelligent SW/HM, 32-45, N/S, for LTR. **2903253**

ROMANCE IS NOT dead! 32-year-old BF, 5'9", slim, attractive, physically/mentally sound, seeks tall gentleman, 28-44, H/W proportionate, career/goal-oriented, with minimal baggage. No serial dates, please. **2880806**

VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35, 5'4", slender, brown/green, enjoys music, traveling, trying new things, seeking handsome, well-educated, tall, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, no kids, LTR. **2875669**

MAN IN UNIFORM. Attractive, energetic SBF, 30, 5'6", 120lbs, seeks honest, respectful, communicative SW/HM, 29-35, for friendship, first, possible LTR. **2942929**

SINGLE MOM, SEXY, outgoing female, 22, 6', 150lbs, light brown skin, sense of humor, loves basketball, football, video games. Seeking outgoing guy, sense of humor. **282018**

ATTRACTIVE MOM SBCF, 31, 5'6", HPTW, down-to-earth, honest, hopeless romantic, seeking marriage-minded SCM, with SOH, HPTW, enjoys life, love, family, and wants to build forever. **2819822**

EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **2886805**

FORMER MODEL, 27, 5'10", 125lbs, African-American female, seeking male, 35-50, for friendship, fun and travel. **2772154**

ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **2939133**

SBF, 30, 5'6", 170lbs, losing weight, dark-skinned, cute, good job, two kids, likes movies, dinners, theater, spending time at home. Seeking SM, 30-38, companionship first. **2955059**

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HARD-WORKING SF, 37, 5'6", 180lbs, enjoys helping people, dining in/out, cooking, reading, television and more. Seeking kind-hearted, intelligent, humorous SWM, 40-45, for friendship first. **2942992**

OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF, 37, seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. **2512872**

BF, 35, TWO children, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **2387069**

BEAUTIFUL VENEZUELAN LADY looking for love, hugs and kisses. Good cook, romantic, DHPF, 37, green/brown, looking for American SM, 40-50 for LTR. **2987486**

SF, 32, ENJOYS dancing, movies, dining out, laughter, conversation and more. Seeking friendly, outgoing, intelligent SH/WM, 35-40, for friendship, maybe more. **2948591**

ATTRACTIVE, CARING PETITE SWF, 33, 5'3", 125lbs, brown/brown, honest, friendly, easygoing. Seeking good-hearted man, 33-41, honest, loving, ready to start a family. **2948591**

SEPARATED BPF, 27, petite, intelligent, from the West Indies, living in Alexandria, Aries, N/S, seeks S/DWM, 27-35. **2937391**

SWF, 36, FULL-FIGURED, enjoys parks, walks on the beach, movies, seeks good-hearted SWM, 30-38, for spring romance, hopefully LTR. **2940115**

VEGETARIAN NATURE GIRL, 25, caring, honest, fun-loving, down-to-earth, passionate, enjoys walks in the rain, holding hands, cuddling. ISO honest man for friendship first, possible LTR. **258042**

TALL, BEAUTIFUL BLACK, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **2940310**

PETTY, PETITE, BUSY professional, 56, loves wine, dining, rock-n-roll, skiing, tennis, outdoors. Seeking a good guy, 52-60, for fun and closeness. **2991670**

SAC, 31, SCORPIO, seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor; 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. **2644865**

SAPF, 38, SEEKS honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. **2895164**

SBF, 35, WITH beautiful light-brown eyes, seeks a man for lazy days at home, and just being in each other's company. **2934824**

VERY PRETTY, INTELLIGENT SBF, 28, 5'6", well-built. Seeking sincere, kind, caring, spiritual, happy SCM, 30-35, for stable relationship, possible marriage. **2920670**

SBF, 29, 5'5", bachelor's degree, likes working out, music, talking, sitting by fire. Seeking SM, 26-45, similar interests, for fun times, more. **2908942**

STRONG, EDUCATED, SLIM, healthy, beautiful black female seeks white or Hispanic male, 25-38, for long-term relationship. **2905999**

LOVING LIFE SBF, 31, light brown complexion, seeking SWM, 30-38, with a big heart, for friendship and possible LTR. **2904312**

SF, 5'9", HPTW, ISO professional male, 35-55, N/S, drama-free, ISO companionship, laughter, good times and more. **2905221**

PREPARE TO CIRCLE this one! Cute, fit SBPF seeks the company of an attractive, energetic, sports-minded SPM, 27-37. Guaranteed fun times ahead! **2905591**

GOOD-HEARTED DBF, 32, 5'3", N/S, one child, gentle gem, genuinely generous, seeks prayerful, honest, trustworthy, reliable, stable family man for LTR. Race unimportant. **2874267**

ALEXANDRIA, VA, SWPF, 32, N/S, genuine and sincere with a warm heart. Enjoys hiking, fishing, boating, theater, travel. Seeking SWPM, 27-37, for friendship, possibly LTR. **2903265**

SHY, LAID-BACK, HUMOROUS SBF, 35, mother of one, enjoys shopping, quiet evenings home and more. Seeking honest, humorous, down-to-earth SBF, 27-47, for friendship, maybe more. **2939347**

FUN-LOVING SBCF, 36, medium build, secure, ISO honest SCM, 36-40, who appreciates a good woman, for friendship, dating and possible LTR. **2890186**

CHRISTIAN SBPF, 33, gentle, sincere, music lover, entrepreneur, seeking Christian SBPM, who's prayerful, honest, kind, gentlemanly, handsome, adventuresome, N/Children, never married, 33-39, for dating/relationship/possible LTR. **2890125**

LINGERING OVER COFFEE, strolling Fourteenth Street, kayaking, Georgetown, E-street movie, home-cooked vegetarian curry, laughing with friends. A great Saturday?

SWF, 37, ISO SM, 32-45. **2882824**

HONEST, SINCERE, FULL-FIGURED SBPF loves shopping, travel, reading, dancing, fun. Seeking gentlemanly SBPM, 27-40, preferably with no children. **2874525**

ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE SBCF, 46, loves the Lord, enjoys movies, traveling, quiet times. Seeking sincere, honest SBM, with similar interests, enjoys conversation, good sense of humor. **2871514**

CUTE, ATHLETIC SMART SF, 25, seeks professional, handsome, financially secure male, 26-31, for friendship, then we'll see what develops. **2871828**

SLENDER, ATTRACTIVE SWF, 29, long blonde hair, loves the arts, literature, history and more. Seeking well-educated, fit-smoking S/DWPW, 27-38, 5'8"+, for dating, possible LTR. **2855755**

EDUCATED, TRUSTWORTHY, ATTRACTIVE SBF, 30, 6', enjoys dining out, intelligent conversation more. Seeking highly educated, relationship-oriented SM, 30-40, 6'+, with no children for possible LTR. **2852480**

SPONTANEOUS, ENTHUSIASTIC, WITTY, well-rounded, mature SF, 22, 5'9", very attractive college grad, enjoys the gym, reading, travel. Seeking SBF, 25-32, 6'+, no children, college-educated, attractive, fit, well-mannered. **2853960**

SBF, 31, 5'8", 145lbs seeking kind-hearted, honest, down-to-earth SWM, 40-55, for dating and possible LTR. **2850317**

RUSSIAN LADY, 35, attractive inside and out, fit, educated, ISO SWPM, 36-45. Sincerity and honesty a must. Reliable, established, ambitious, interested in LTR. **2607135**

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SBF, 39, N/S, 5'4", 130lbs, brown complexion, burgundy hair, RN, three children, enjoys movies, dining, quiet times, seeks woman, 29-50, for conversation, sharing special moments. **2802729**

EDUCATED SWF, 33, N/S, big green eyes, nice smile, seeks SWM, 27-35, N/S, for LTR. **2822484**

JOYFUL AND LOVING SBCF, 39, N/S, N/D, who is an encourager, humorous, ISO faithful SCM, 36-47, N/S, who's ready for friendship leading to possible marriage. **2815833**

ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING BPF, 35, seeks handsome, professional male, N/S, for LTR. **2807562**

TALL, INDEPENDENT SWP, 37, enjoys books, gardening, cats, horses, country drives, theater, music, festivals, exploring nature, variety and romance. **276826**

SWF, 33, ATTORNEY, 39, N/S, area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog a+. **2589833**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWF, 37, blonde, with sexy eyes and great legs, down-to-earth, fun-loving, and major football fan. Seeking SBF, 35-43, down-to-earth, for romance, possible LTR. **2563699**

SW TEACHER, 34, is interested in all types of music (especially classical and 80s), and is looking for a man who stays active and cultured. **2753605**

SBF, 35, 5'5", high-spirited, full of positive energy, smoker, not afraid to shoot from the hip, seeks BM, 43-55, smoker, independent. **2752225**

CLASSY, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 27, seeks mature, handsome, down-to-earth SWM, B/w sense of humor, 27-38, 225lbs+, 5'10"+, for friendship and enjoying activities. Dating first, possible LTR. **2559393**

PROWLING CARIBBEAN WOMAN SBF, 32, enjoys dancing, movies, play wrestling, holding hands and cuddling. Seeking loving, independent, honest, romantic, non-smoking SM, 32-40. **2646068**

CHANCE FOR ROMANCE SBF, 36, 5'3", 165lbs. Educated, affectionate, down-to-earth, feminine, childless. Looking to develop, build, and create the impossible with you. **2874560**

ATTRACTION BF, 30, in search of a WM, 31-39, for LTR. Must love children. If you're that person, give me a call. **2389566**

BEEN SEARCHING FOR you all my life. SBF, 48, seeks outgoing, respectful, kind man to share friendship, happiness and to grow old with. **2985959**

SWPF, PRETTY, WARM, fun, intelligent, many interests including jazz, travel, reading, arts, loves the water, looking for LTR with SWPM, N/S, 50-60. **2987973**

EXOTIC SF (PORTUGUESE/BLACK), pretty, slender, long hair, ebony eyes, tan complexion, down-to-earth, seeking SHM, attractive, 36+, successful, kind, romantic, no children, ISO true love. **2811689**

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Entertainment

A History of 'Out' TV

Gay characters and plots have been on prime time for years

TELEVISION | The Museum of Television and Radio's current screening series, "Not That There's Anything Wrong With That," is named after a running "Seinfeld" joke: Jerry and George are overheard in a coffee shop by a reporter who assumes they're gay, which they endeavor to disprove. ("Not that there's anything wrong with that," they hasten to add.)

But that 1993 "Seinfeld" outing appears far into the chronologically organized exhibition, which surprised even its curator, Barry Monush, by stretching back to the early 1960s.

Network series occasionally mentioned "homosexuality" at a time when TV's husbands and wives weren't yet routinely sharing double beds. While exploring the museum's tens of thousands of programs, Monush found "a show I'd never heard of" — "Espionage," a 1964 NBC drama referencing a blackmail plot involving a spy. "The enemy lets the word out that he got married late, and he knows someone who purchases antique furniture. It's all coded stuff."

Monush "wanted to make sure we didn't just whitewash everything, so we put together a separate package of two programs actually protested at the time by gay organizations" — 1970s episodes of "Police Woman," with stereotyped lesbi-



PRIME-TIME TOLERANCE: Current gay TV characters and personalities include, from top left, talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres, Randy Harrison and Gale Harold as Justin and Brian on "Queer as Folk" and Jack (Sean Hayes) on "Will & Grace."

an criminals, and "Marcus Welby, M.D.," where a patient fears he might be gay. "Robert Young's reaction is negative, like 'We might be able to cure you.'"

Monush's comprehensive approach showcases little-known landmarks like ABC's 1972 sitcom "The Corner Bar," with TV's first gay regular character, and David

Brenner's unaired 1976 beauty-salon sitcom "Snip" alongside more famous portrayals on "Thirtysomething," "My So-Called Life," "Frasier" and "Melrose Place."

"It's interesting to see how much time it took to make progress to a certain degree on the networks. But there's a downside today," Monush said. Cable series like Showtime's

"Queer as Folk" and "The L Word" deal so explicitly with gay life that Monush said "the networks have sort of leveled off on how far they want to go. You get the feeling you're watching gay characters in a straight world, where the two shows on Showtime present a gay world with straight people visiting."

DIANE WERTS (NEWSDAY)

Clapton's Blues Go Deep

Slowhand covers Robert Johnson's songs

MUSIC | It's hard to go wrong with Eric Clapton doing an entire album of Robert Johnson covers.

The only mystery is why it took so long for Clapton to do it.

"Me and Mr. Johnson" (Reprise) is a treat, both for fans of the blues and Clapton, who eschews anything related to pop and dives

into perhaps his largest musical influence.

Johnson is known to have written only 29 songs during his brief, legendary career in the 1930s.

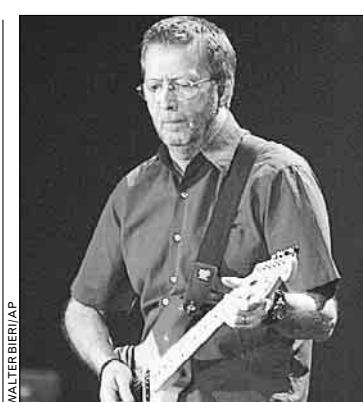
Clapton puts 14 of them together in this collection that is aided by a standout backing band, including Billy Preston on keyboards and

Jerry Portnoy on harmonica.

Many of the songs are recognizable, even to the few Clapton fans who may not be familiar with Johnson's work, including "Come On In My Kitchen" and "Kindhearted Woman Blues."

Clapton is loose throughout and it's clear that he is enjoying the tip of his guitar to Johnson.

SCOTT BAUER (AP)



PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE MASTER: Even Clapton's shirt's got the blues.

Today's Top Stops

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Straight Outta Vienna: Bros. Brindley

The Brindley Brothers are home-town boys whose supertight, polished pop-rock has yet to hit so big that Luke and Daniel forget where they came from. So enjoy the music of Vienna's finest — lush, soaring, hummable — while you still can.

Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 8:30 p.m., \$10; 202-522-8340. (Clarendon/Court House)

Urban Soulstress: Goapele

Goapele weds passionate, conscious old-school soul with a cool, stylish urban sensibility; the music may sound timeless, but her thoughtful lyrics are thoroughly up-to-date.

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$20; 703-549-7500.



Enterprising Goapele toured with Spearhead and founded a record label.

Ssh! Don't Tell the Kids

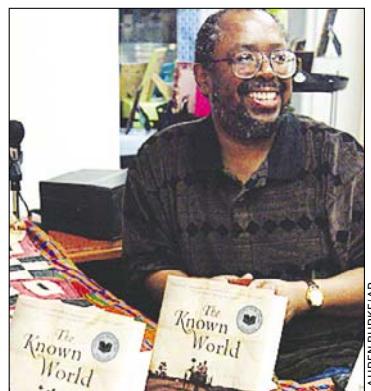
We shouldn't even be publicizing this sort of thing — the chaos, the madness, the eyes poked out! It's Paper Airplane Week for kids at the College Park Aviation Museum and we hereby deny all accountability for tears, stains or damage that may ensue. Through Friday, April 9.

College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive (between Route 1 and Kenilworth Avenue), College Park; noon-4 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children and students; 301-864-6029.

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Entertainment



WINNING WAYS: Author Edward P. Jones signs books earlier this year.

D.C.'s Jones Wins Fiction Pulitzer

AWARDS | The 2004 Pulitzer Prize for fiction was awarded Monday to Washington, D.C., native Edward P. Jones for his book "The Known World," a historical novel about a black slave owner.

Jones, who spent 10 years between books, had previously won the National Book Critics Circle Award for his novel.

It was the 53-year-old author's first book since "Lost in the City," his 1993 collection of short stories about life in Washington.

Jones was a proofreader for the trade publication Tax Notes before he launched a writing career.

The Pulitzer for drama went to Doug Wright for "I Am My Own Wife," the tale of a real-life German

transvestite who survived both the Nazis and the Communists.

The Pulitzer Prize for biography was captured by William Taubman for "Khrushchev: The Man and His Era."

In history, the winner was Steven Hahn for "A Nation Under Our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South From Slavery to

the Great Migration."

The award for general nonfiction went to Anne Applebaum for "Gulag: A History." The poetry winner was Franz Wright for "Walking to Martha's Vineyard."

The award for music went to "Tempest Fantasy" for violin, piano and clarinet, by Paul Moravec.

RICHARD PYLE (AP)

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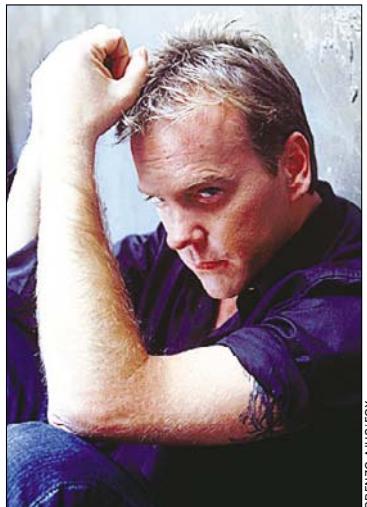
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No Time for Coffee

CATCHING UP | The current batch of "24" episodes (9 p.m., Fox) all take place during the sorrowful break of day.

Like the rest of the world, I've been thoroughly broken of my "24" habit by Fox's curious tradition of yanking it from the schedule for months at a time. So for those who have forgotten to keep up, "24" remains knee-deep in intrigue, but somewhere along the way, the creators of this superior series have gone off the deep end. Who said that tense, nail-biting dramas had to be so bleak?

Let's recap. Our hero, Jack Bauer (Keifer Sutherland), is a junkie. Bad



WHAT TIME IS IT? Jack Bauer ponders.

guys from several different nationalities have threatened to release a deadly virus that promises to kill just about everybody. A vial has been released in a hotel, where a thousand or so trapped guests are going bonkers while waiting to die a slow, messy, agonizing death. The first lady is a murderer and she's just bamboozled the president into covering up for her. But he's got bigger fish to clean — he's just become the puppet of a mass murderer. And, worst of all, it's only 6 o'clock in the morning!

Wake me when it's over. Or at least at a decent hour. KEVIN MCDONOUGH
(UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS													
WRC	4	News [CC]	NBC News	Hollywood	Whoopi (N)	Happy Family	Frasier (N) □	[31] Scrubs	Law & Order	News [CC]	Tonight Show		
WTTG	5	Simpsons	Simpsons	Friends [CC]	Seinfeld [CC]	American Idol (ITV) [CC]	24 (N) □ [CC]	It's Relative	NYPD Blue (N) □ (PA) [CC]	Friends [CC]	Drew Carey		
WJLA	7	News [CC]	ABC News	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	8 Rules	I'm With Her	Jim	The Guardian "Remember"	News [CC]	Nightline [CC]		
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WDCA	20	Moesha [CC]	The Hughleys	'70s Show	'70s Show	One on One	All of Us [CC]	Rock Me	Half and Half	Seinfeld [CC]	Raymond	Dharma-Greg	Dharma-Greg
WMPT	22	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	Outdoors Md.	Nova □ [CC] (DVS)	Innovation (N) □ [CC] (DVS)		Secrets of the Dead □ [CC]	Frontier House □ [CC]	Recipe	Fate Did Not		
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WHUT	32	Big Picture	Euro. Journal	World News	MoneyWise	American Experience	Pulse [CC]			Charlie Rose (N) □ [CC]			
WBDC	50	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	Gilmore Girls □ [CC]	One Tree Hill (N) □ [CC]	Will & Grace	Just Shoot	Will & Grace	Blind Date (N)		
BASIC CABLE													
A&E		City Confidential [CC]	American Justice	Biography "Will Smith" [CC]	Cold Case Files [CC]								
Animal		The Crocodile Hunter [CC]	Kidding	Animals	The Big Squeeze [CC]	Venom ER (N)		Miami Animal Police (N)					
BET		106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Johnson	The Parkers	The Parkers	Access	College Hill	Comicview	Nightly News	Grown Folks		
Bravo		(4:30) "Marathon Man" 'R'	The West Wing □ [CC]	Queer Eye for Straight Guy	Signif. Others	Signif. Others	Signif. Others	Queer Eye for Straight Guy	The West Wing □ [CC]				
Comedy		Late Night □ [CC]	Daily Show	Mad TV □ [CC]	Yankers	Insomniac	South Park	Chappelle's	Yankers	Daily Show	Tough Crowd		
Court		NYPD Blue "NYPD Lou" □	Cops □ [CC]	Cops □ [CC]	The System	Forensic	Forensic	Crime Stories					
Discovery		Crash Files: On the Inside	The FBI Files [CC]	Monster Garage [CC]	Animal Face-Off			MythBusters [CC]	Monster Garage [CC]				
DISCH		Rescue 911	Rescue 911	Paramedics "In Hot Water"	Nurses "Pediatrics"	Conjoined Twins		Make Room for Baby					
Disney		Even Stevens	Sister, Sister	Lizzie	★ ½ "Meet the Deedles" (1998) [CC]		Kim Possible	Sister, Sister	Boy World	Kim Possible	Proud Family		
E!		High Price of Fame	E! News (N)	Good to Be	Daryl Hannah: True Story	The Rock		Infamous (N)		Howard Stern	Howard Stern		
FX		Cops □ [CC]	★ ½ "Armageddon" (1998, Action) Bruce Willis. Misfit oil drillers must destroy an earthbound asteroid.					The Shield "Mum" (N) [CC]					
HGTV		Building	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House	Outer Spaces	Sensible Chic	Decorating	Divine Design	Designers' [CC]	Designers' [CC]	Home to Go	Date-Design
Family		Full House	Full House	7th Heaven [CC]	★ ★ ½ "One Fine Day" (1996, Comedy) Michelle Pfeiffer.			Whose Line? [CC]	Whose Line? [CC]	The 700 Club [CC]			
History		The Sphinx of Egypt [CC]	Pyramids-Mystery	True Crime "Blow" (N) [CC]	True Crime "The Westies"			Wild West Tech (N) [CC]		Murders	Murders		
Lifetime		The Nanny	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	★ ½ "The Return of Alex Kelly" (1999) Margot Kidder.		★ ½ "Oxygen" (1999) Maura Tierney, Adrien Brody. [CC]					
MTV		Making-Video	Room Rdr	Direct Effect □	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Real World	Osbourne	Osbourne	Famous Face	
NICK		Annual Kids' Choice Awards	Romeo! □	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Roseanne □	Roseanne □	
SCIFI		★ ★ "The Beast" (1996, Horror) William Petersen. A sea creature plunges a coastal community into terror. □ [CC]						Stargate SG-1 "Ascension"		Ultraviolet [CC]			
SPIKE		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Oblivious (N)	Oblivious □	Oblivious □	Oblivious □	Oblivious □	Extreme	Extreme		
TBS		Home Imp.	Seinfeld [CC]	Friends [CC]	MLB Baseball New York Mets at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)			★ ★ ½ "Outbreak" (1995) Dustin Hoffman.					
TLC		Clean Sweep [CC]	In a Fix "Nature Within"	Rides "Road to Riddler"	Rides "Dominator"			Spymaster "Spy Skills" (N)	Rides "Road to Riddler"				
TNT		Charmed □ [CC]	NBA Tip-Off	NBA Basketball	Toronto Raptors at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live) [CC]			NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Lakers					
USA		Walker, Texas Ranger [CC]	JAG "Into the Breech" [CC]	Law & Order	★ ★ "Congo" (1995, Adventure) Dylan Walsh, Laura Linney. [CC] (DVS)				Law & Order				
VHI		Best of the Best Week Ever	I Love the '80s Strikes Back	I Love the '80s Strikes Back	100 Celeb Moments			100 Celeb Moments		Best of the Best Week Ever			
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SPORTS													
ESPN		SportsCenter (Live) [CC]		Women's Final Four Special	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Final -- Teams TBA					SportsCenter (Live) [CC]			
ESPN2		Billiards: 2002 Trick Shot	Babe and the Billy Goat	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Houston Astros. (Live) [CC]						NBA Fastbreak Tuesday			
CSN		NASCAR	SportsNite	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles.							Best Damn Sports Show		
NEWS													
CNN		Lou Dobbs Tonight [CC]	Anderson Cooper 360 [CC]	Paula Zahn Now [CC]	Larry King Live [CC]			NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight			
FNC		Special Report (Live) [CC]	Fox Report-Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor [CC]	Hannity & Colmes [CC]			On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor			
MSNBC		The Abrams Report (Live)	Hardball (Live) [CC]	Countdown-Olbermann	Deborah Norville Tonight			Scarborough Country (Live)		Hardball [CC]			
MOVIES													
AMC		(5:45) ★ ★ ★ "The Man From Snowy River" (1982) 'PG'		★ ★ "D.O.A." (1988, Suspense) Dennis Quaid. 'R' [CC]				★ ★ ½ "A Kiss Before Dying" (1991) Matt Dillon. 'R' [CC]					
TCM		(5:30) ★ ★ ★ "Duel in the Sun" (1946) Jennifer Jones. 'NR'		★ ★ ½ "Mister Roberts" (1955) Henry Fonda. 'NR'				(15) ★ ★ ★ ½ "Each Dawn I Die" (1939) James Cagney.					
HBO		(5:45) ★ ★ ★ ½ "Quiz Show" (1994) John Turturro. 'PG-13'		★ ★ "Identity" (2003) John Cusack. 'R'	★ ★ "The Transporter" (2002) PG-13' [CC]			(The Sopranos □ [CC]					
MAX		★ ★ ½ "Murder by Numbers" (2002) Sandra Bullock. 'R'		★ ★ "Volcano" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones. □ 'PG-13' [CC]				★ ★ "Femme Fatale" (2002) Rebecca Romijn-Stamos. 'R'					
SHO		Cop-Half [CC]	★:35) ★ ★ ½ "Orange County" (2002) [CC]	★ ★ ½ "The Usual Suspects" (1995) Stephen Baldwin.				Britney Spears Live From Miami (ITV)		Children-Corn			
TMC		(15) ★ ★ "Chasing Holden" (2001) DJ Qualls. □ 'R' [CC]		★ ★ ½ "Barbershop" (2002) Ice Cube. [CC]	(45) ★ ★ "Clockstoppers" (2002) Jesse Bradford. 'PG'				Uninvited Gst				
STARZ!		(5:45) ★ ★ "Little Secrets" (2001) □ 'PG'		★ ★ "View From the Top" (2003) PG-13'	★ ★ "Daddy Day Care" (2003) PG' [CC]			(35) ★ ★ ★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002)					
ENCORE		(.05) ★ ★ ½ "Murphy's Romance" (1985) Sally Field. [CC]		★ ★ ★ "Another Stakeout" (1993) Richard Dreyfuss. [CC]				★ ★ ½ "Chances Are" (1989) Cybill Shepherd. 'PG' [CC]					

ON TV TONIGHT

AGELESS POETRY

Piri Thomas, 75-year-old author, poet and performer, recites and performs many of his poems in the vibrant documentary "Every Child Is Born a Poet" on INDEPENDENT LENS (10 p.m., PBS).



SCHOOL'S IN: Half the cast of "Freaks and Geeks" — guess which half.

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Is this the health care wave of the future? Probably not, experts say. Nine out of 10 doctors contract with managed-care companies. But cash-only medicine is becoming an increasingly attractive option for doctors frustrated by red tape and for the 43 million Americans who

lack health insurance.

Cherewatenko started a group called SimpleCare to spread the gospel of cash-only medicine. Membership has grown to 1,500 doctors. Some reject all insurance and take only cash, while others continue to accept insurance while offering discounts for cash-paying patients.

Cash crusaders acknowledge the need for some type of insurance. Without it, hospitalization would force many people into bankruptcy. But they think health insurance should work more like car insurance: you pay for the routine maintenance and little dings yourself, and insurance pays for more expensive repairs. REBECCA COOK (AP)



LIVE ONLINE

Lean Plate Club

SALLY SQUIRES's column appears Tuesdays in The Washington Post. She chats every Tuesday at 1 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

What are some good PDA software programs for tracking calories and exercise?

I've used BalanceLog from www.healthtech.com for a number of years and really like it. DietPower.com also features a program like this. And Nutridairy.com, which is out of England, has gotten good reviews, although I'm not sure you can download it to your PDA.

What is the best Web site for counting calories?

The gold standard for all calorie counting is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's handbook, which is free, online and available for download to your desktop or PDA. Find it at: <http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/search/>

Is there a good place in the D.C. area to find wide-width walking or athletic shoes for women?

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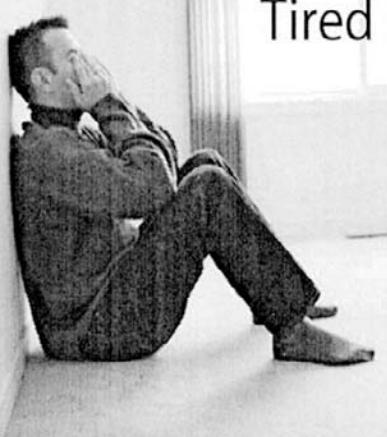
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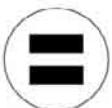
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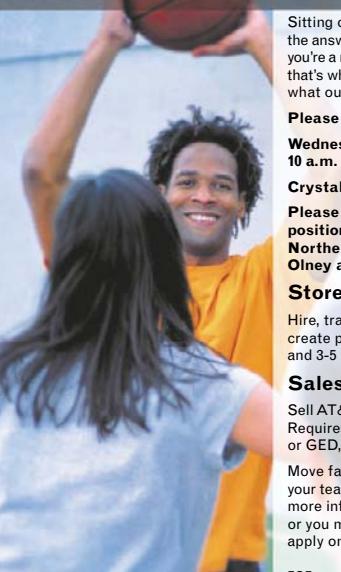


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LEDROIT PARK—tasteful renov of historic TH w/2 prk spaces. \$599K. Call Mr. Shannon 202-667-4636

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\$3000, 202-244-4366 x 202-3290240

SAAB '03 9-3, Linear turbo 4-dr auto., lthr, SR, launch pkg, blue/tan, 17K \$22,500/bo. 703-851-3883

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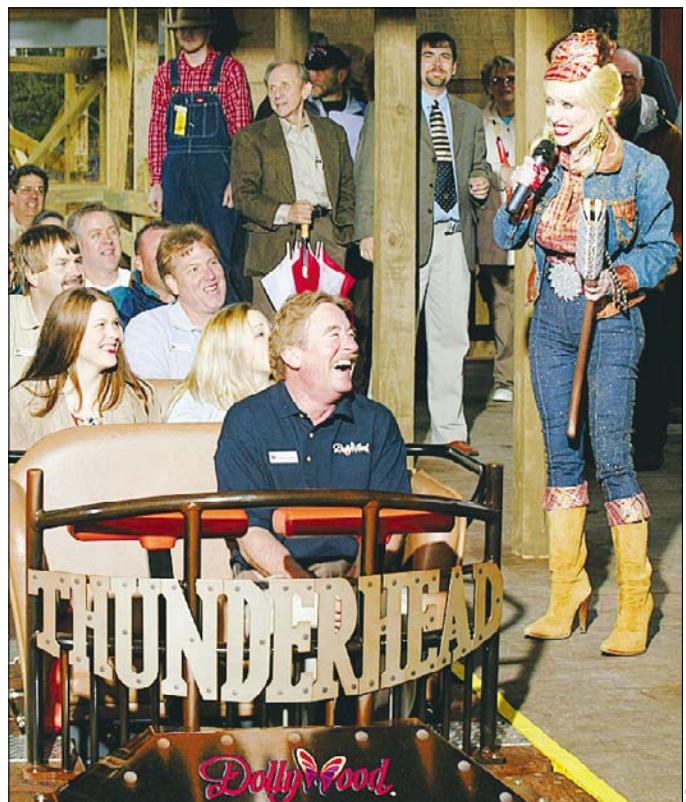
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People



ICONS

Express Train to Heck

DOLLY PARTON, hosting Dollywood's annual opening day, says she has no plans to retire after nearly four decades in the country music business. "I'll be like Bob Hope, touring when I'm 100," said the 58-year-old Sevierville, Tenn., native. "I love being busy." Though she has no plans to tour this year, she does want to do a musical about her life story for Broadway. "I will never retire," Parton said. "I hope to fall dead in the middle of some great event or some great song I'm singing." (AP)

ACCIDENTS

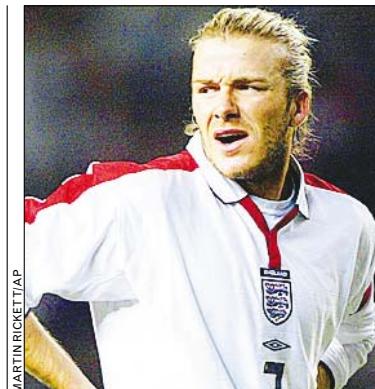
Hollywood's New Crusade: Fire Safety for Aging Stars

DYAN CANNON suffered smoke inhalation when a fire broke out in her condominium, briefly forcing residents to evacuate the high-rise building. Los Angeles County fire officials received the call early Sunday. Cannon said she was sleeping at the time. "The smoke detector woke her and her dogs up and, luckily, she got out safe," said fire Capt. Steve Martin. (AP)

DENIALS

4 A GOOD TIME, TXT BEKS

Reports that **DAVID BECKHAM** was involved with a former personal assistant were splashed across British newspapers Monday. The frenzy began with a Sunday tabloid report — complete with explicitly sexual text messages — that the soccer star had an affair with Rebecca Loos in Madrid last fall while his wife, Victoria, was in England. Beckham issued a statement Sunday describing the story as "ludicrous" but stopping short of denying the allegations. (AP)



An excerpt from Becks's naughty text messages, as printed in the tabs: "Can just imagine how *** ***** u are"

TRAITORS

Bob's Selling Bras, Not Out

BOB DYLAN appears in a new series of television ads for Victoria's Secret, his grizzled face intercut with shots of model Adriana Lima cavorting

though Venice in a bra, panties and spike heels. Dylan's song "Love Sick," from his 1997 album "Time Out of Mind," provides the musical backdrop for the ad. It's the first time in his 40-plus years as an internation-

al star that Dylan has appeared in an ad campaign, although his "The Times They Are a Changin'" was used in a Bank of Montreal ad in 1996. Back then, Dylan was ripped for selling out. (AP)

RESEARCH

So ... Does Death Row Suck?

JAMIE FOXX has been hanging out at San Quentin prison to research a role for the new F/X movie "Redemption," in which he plays Stanley "Tookie" Williams, the founder of the Crips street gang. For the past 24 years, Williams has been on death row for four murders. Foxx said Williams was brought in chains and that "some of the questions we had to ask in order to get the real story irritated him a little bit." (AP)



Foxx donned wire-rim glasses to look more threatening and gain respect.

MESSAGES

Alanis Makes a Point

In a stunt ostensibly intended to target U.S. "censorship," **ALANIS MORISSETTE** stripped down to a bodysuit adorned with painted-on nipples and nether regions at Canada's Juno music awards on Sunday. "We can't show nipples on national TV," she jibed before letting a dressing gown drop to the floor. (EXPRESS)



5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Sunny early, then
cloudy late

60°



Mostly cloudy;
maybe a shower late

46°



A shower early, then
partly sunny

68° / 46°



Cloudy; a chance
of rain

56° / 44°



Rain early, then
partly sunny

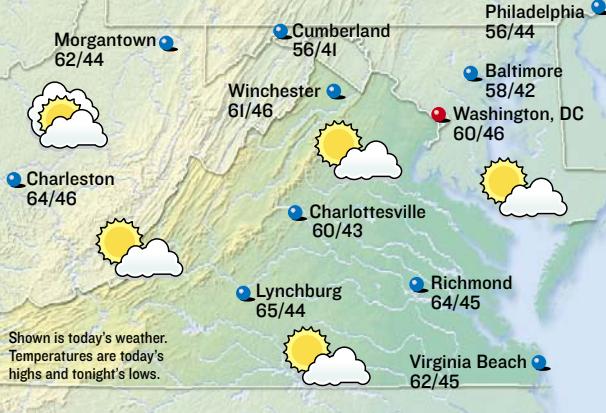
60° / 42°



Mostly sunny

62° / 46°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Mon.

Temperature

High	48°
Low	31°
Normal high	63°
Normal low	43°
Average humidity	29%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.32"
Normal month to date	0.48"
Year to date	7.04"
Last year to date	13.59"
Normal year to date	10.03"

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Regional Forecast

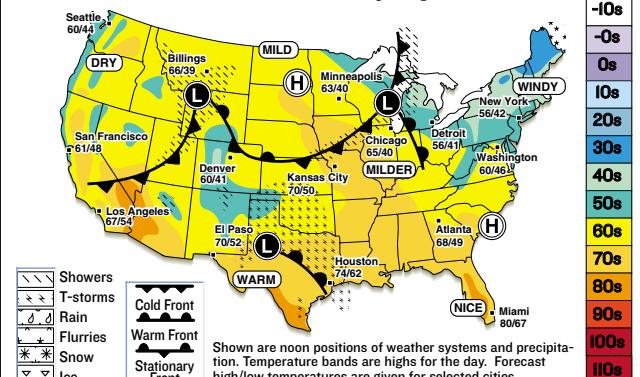
D.C. Metro: Today, sunny in the morning, increasingly cloudy in the afternoon. High 60. Wind west to northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, a shower late.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:45 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:37 p.m.
Moonrise today 9:23 p.m.
Moonset today 7:28 a.m.



National Weather for Tuesday, April 6



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	68/49/pc	73/52/t	Amsterdam	44/36/sh	45/34/sh
Boston	49/36/s	56/38/pc	Athens	65/50/pc	66/51/s
Chicago	65/40/sh	58/36/pc	Berlin	50/31/sh	49/33/sh
Dallas	70/54/t	72/54/t	Buenos Aires	81/64/t	72/56/sh
Denver	60/41/t	62/36/t	Calgary	63/26/pc	59/31/c
Honolulu	85/72/s	83/70/s	Dublin	49/37/sh	50/34/pc
Los Angeles	67/54/pc	69/56/s	Geneva	47/33/r	46/31/r
Miami	80/67/pc	84/69/pc	Moscow	42/24/c	43/27/s
New York City	56/42/s	57/43/sh	Rome	64/45/pc	60/43/pc
Orlando	80/58/s	80/62/pc	Sydney	77/50/c	70/46/c
Seattle	60/44/pc	60/42/pc	Tokyo	66/53/s	67/52/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

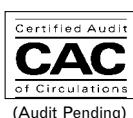
THE CONDESCENDING tone of Don Simmons's Monday letter in response to Dan Miller's Friday column ("Call of the Child") infuriated me. Rather than write about the column's topic, Simmons went for a personal attack. Simmons does not realize that Miller accurately portrayed the feelings of many singles (myself included) and childless couples in the area. This may shock Simmons, but we don't view his progeny as the greatest thing since sliced bread. I wish to thank Miller for writing his column and allowing me to empathize with him.

—MATT LANGSCHWAGER
Washington, D.C.

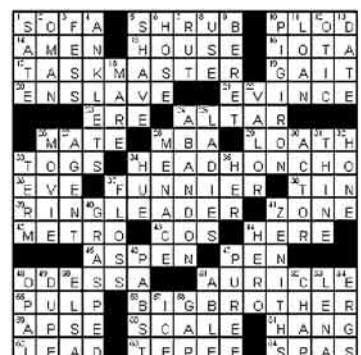
IN MONDAY'S ENTERTAINMENT section, Kurt Cobain is once again applauded for his haunting legacy ("Noise of Art"), this time in his paintings. He was no martyr-hero, he was a father and a drug addict. I love his music as much as the next '90s child, but I also see the effect that his death is having on current teen angst and the outlets it is finding. Kurt Cobain has become the poster boy for suicide. The man who hated the media hype cannot escape it, even in death.

—SHANNON DAWKINS
College Park, Md.

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Yesterday's Solution

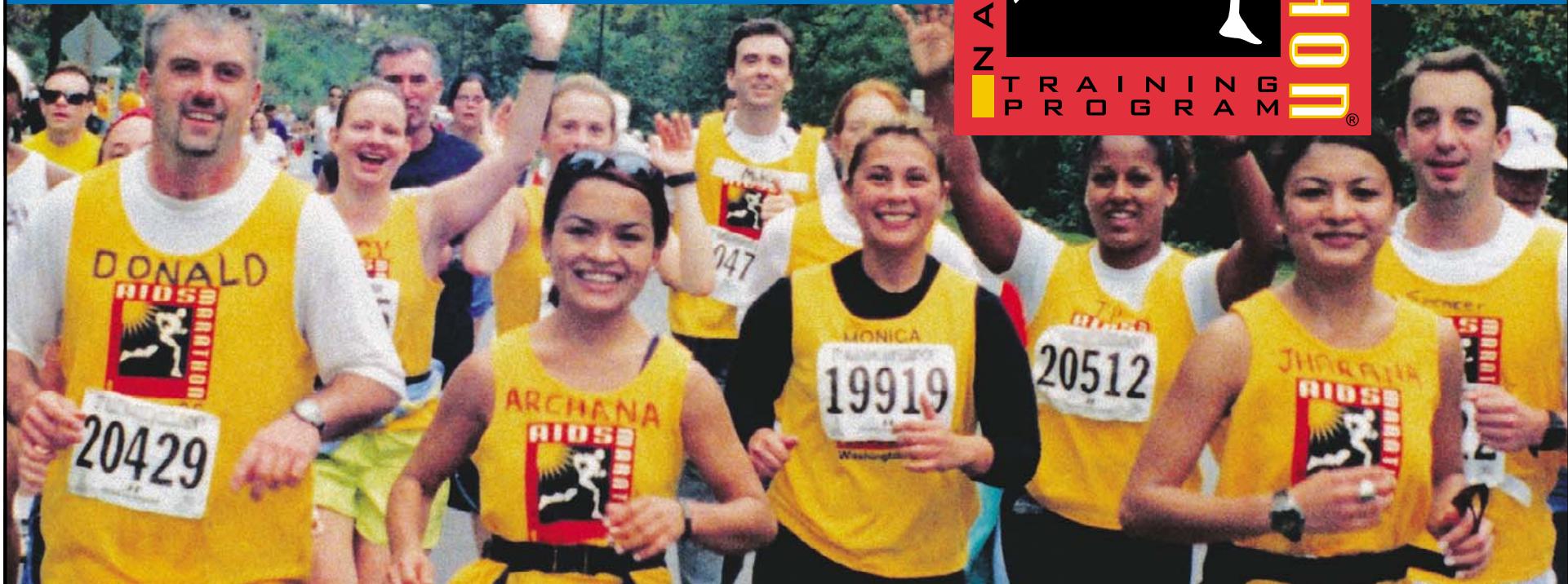
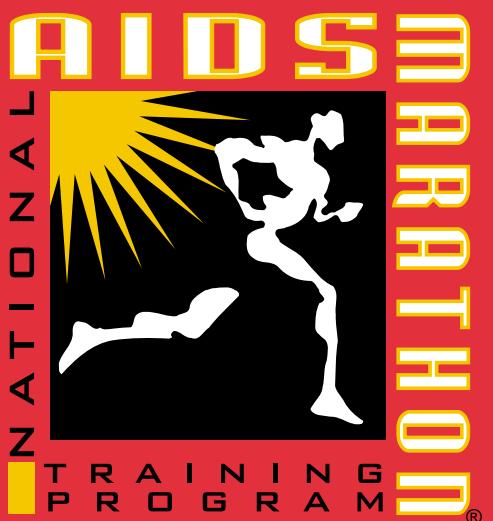


Crossword Puzzle: Looke Here! | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Carpet quality
- 5 Tempts fate
- 10 Small building
- 14 Something to go on?
- 15 Words with care or mind
- 16 Screen pooch of 1939
- 17 Built on request
- 19 Responsi-bility
- 20 Chewbacca
- 22 A lot of noise
- 23 Hogwarts postal carrier
- 24 Box office buy
- 28 Wander aimlessly
- 30 Poke
- 33 Actor Milo
- 34 Parched
- 35 Campaigner's barometer
- 36 Make mental errors on the field
- 39 Pigs' digs
- 40 Word with T or dry
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▼ GIVE US

- ◆ 30 minutes, twice a week on your own
- ◆ A longer group weekend run
- ◆ Your fundraising efforts
- ◆ Your dedication and commitment

▼ YOU GET

- ◆ A 6-month training program that will prepare you to run a marathon
- ◆ Great coaching, support, and camaraderie
- ◆ Free entry to the marathon
- ◆ The official marathon shirt
- ◆ The official marathon medal
- ◆ The joy and satisfaction that comes from knowing you are a hero to people with AIDS
- ◆ New friends and memories that will last a lifetime
- ◆ Bragging rights for accomplishing something others only dream about
- ◆ Participants of the Dublin and Honolulu Marathons will also receive round-trip air travel and hotel accommodations.

A Training Program for Everyone

Our six-month training programs are geared to both beginners and experienced runners. We start with three miles of running and walking, and then gradually increase the distance. Many of our participants are first-time marathoners. Some have never run a step in their lives. But 98% of those who complete this program complete the marathon.

Each weekend, you'll train with your "pace group" – other runners who share your same level of conditioning, whether fast or slow. It's a great way to get fit, have fun, and make a tremendous difference in the fight to end AIDS. It may be the best thing you do this year, and your life will never be the same.

There are five group run sites located throughout the Washington, DC metro area each weekend. Choose the location most convenient for you.

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The rate of new AIDS cases in Washington, DC is 12 times higher than the national average. The money we raise will allow Whitman-Walker Clinic to provide direct medical care, food, housing, and other vital AIDS services – to help keep people with HIV/AIDS alive until there's a cure.

In the past six years, we've helped 14,000 people nationwide raise more than \$45 million to support people living with HIV/AIDS. We'll be there to support you every step of the way. You'll be surprised at how willing people are to support you. All you have to do is ask.

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Visit us online at aidsmarathon.com or attend one of our free, no obligation informational meetings:

WASHINGTON, DC

YWCA 624 9th Street, NW
(Near Metro Center)

- Tuesday, April 6 @ 6:30pm
- Saturday, April 10 @ 2:00pm
- Thursday, April 15 @ 6:30pm
- Saturday, April 17 @ 10:00am

Starbucks Coffee

237 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE
(Near Capitol South Metro)

- Thursday, April 8 @ 6:30pm

VIRGINIA

Washington-Lee High School
1300 North Quincy Street
Arlington (Near Ballston Metro)

- Wednesday, April 7 @ 6:30pm
- Tuesday, April 13 @ 6:30pm

Key Bridge Marriott

1401 Lee Highway
Arlington (Near Rosslyn Metro)

- Saturday, April 10 @ 10:00am

MARYLAND

BCC Regional Service Center
4805 Edgemoor Lane
Bethesda
(Near Bethesda Metro)

- Thursday, April 8 @ 6:30pm

Unitarian Church on Cedar Lane
9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda

- Wednesday, April 14 @ 6:30pm

Beltsville Public Library

4319 Sellman Road
Beltsville, MD

- Saturday, April 17 @ 11:00am

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